

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed June 23, 2008 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1, 5-10 and 19-23 are allowed. Claims 3, 4, and 11-18 are rejected. Claims 3, 4, and 11-18 have been amended. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to depend on Claim 1.

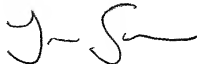
Claims 11-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, Claims 11-18 have been amended to recite computer-readable storage medium.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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